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WE BELIEVE THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE IMPACT ON THE INTERNATIONAL CAMBODIAN TRIBUNAL WOULD BE MADE BY REFUGEES THEMSELVES. THERE ARE SEVERAL WHO HAVE LEFT CAMBODIA IN THE PAST YEAR, SOME RECENTLY, WHO WE THINK WOULD BE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE WITNESSES. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THESE NAMES TO THE TRIBUNAL.

(A) PIN YATHAY - 34, FORMER SENIOR OFFICIAL IN CAMBODIAN MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, WHO ESCAPED CAMBODIA IN JUNE 1977 FOLLOWING A TWO YEAR TREK ACROSS SOUTHERN CAMBODIA. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT FRENCH AND ENGLISH. REPORT ON HIS EXPERIENCES CONTAINED IN BANGKOK A-234 1977). YATHAY CAN BE REACHED C/O M. PIN THOUHEY, 71 RUE COLMET LEPINAY, 93100 MONTREUIL, PARIS.

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(B) IM VIN, 34, FORMER HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER IN PHNOM PENH, WHO WAS FORCED TO RETURN TO HOME VILLAGE IN KRATIE PROVINCE IN APRIL 1975. FLED TO THAILAND IN JULY, 1977, WHEN HE WAS WARNED THAT HIS WIFE, TWO CHILDREN AND HE WERE ON EXECUTION LISTS. VERY ARTICULATE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. CURRENTLY IN EMBASSY BANGKOK REFUGEE OFFICE; HAS RECEIVED IRS A RPT A NUMBER; AWAITING

A US SPONSOR.

(C) ON NGUON SROU - 26, TRUCK DRIVER FROM SISOPHON, WHO
FLED TO THAILAND SEPT 22, 1977. FANK SOLDIER 1970-75.
LESS ARTICULATE, BUT PERSONALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT MASS
EXECUTIONS AND HARDSHIPS IN WESTERN CAMBODIA AND THE
EVACUATED CITIES OF CAMBODIA. REPORT ON HIS EXPERIENCES
IN BANGKOK A-44, 1978. CURRENTLY IN SURIN REFUGEE CAMP.
SROU MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE INTO US UNDER FUTURE
PROGRAMS.

(D) LY LINN - 26, FORMER MANURE-SPREADER, FLED TO VIEN-NAM
WITH SMALL CHILD AND TOLD VIETNAMESE SHE WOULD KILL HERSELF
RATHER THAN RETURN TO CAMBODIA. WAS FINALLY ADMITTED TO
VN AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY FLED TO THAILAND IN AUTUMN
1977. SPEAKS FRENCH WELL. IS ONE OF THE MOST ELOQUENT AND
COMPELLING NARRATORS OF EVENTS IN CAMBODIA. STILL IN THAILAND;
HAS IRS A RPT A NUMBER; AWAITING A SPONSOR.
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